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DEBATE SPEECH

FOLLOWING IS EXCERPT FROM THAI FONMIN CHARUNPHAN'S GENERAL DEBATE SPEECH 1 OCT WHICH DEALS WITH KOREA :

MR. PRESIDENT,

MY DELEGATION RECALLS WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE 28TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS WITNESSED THE PARTICIPATION OF BOTH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA, FOR THE FIRST TIME, IN THE DISCUSSION OF THE KOREAN ITEM. MY DELEGATION SINCERELY BELIEVES THAT THE PARTICIPATION OF BOTH SIDES HAD A BENEFICIAL EFFECT ON THE SITUATION IN THAT PART OF THE WORLD.

FROM THE BEGINNING, THAILAND HAS ACTIVELY CONTRIBUTED TO THE UNITED NATIONS EFFORTS IN KOREA, WHICH WERE BASED ON THE LEGITIMATE RIGHT OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE TO DECIDE THEIR OWN UNCLASSIFIED

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DESTINY PEACEFULLY, FREE FROM COERCION. CONSEQUENTLY, MY

DELEGATION WHOLEHEARTEDLY WELCOMED THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF 4 JULY 1972 ESTABLISHING A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES AND PAVING THE WAY FOR THEIR CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION AND PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION. THUS WE SUPPORTED THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE UNIFICATION AND REHABILITATION OF KOREA, WHICH DURING ITS EXISTENCE HAD PERFORMED A USEFUL ROLE.

AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND. IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET TO NOTE THAT THE APPEAL FOR A WIDENING OF MANY-SIDED EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH AS ENVISAGED IN THE CONSENSUS STATEMENT HAS NOT BEEN FULLY AN-SWERED. IT HAS BECOME APPARENT THAT THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE HAS MADE LITTLE SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS. MOREOVER, THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN OTHER INCIDENTS WHICH COULD EXACERBATE EXISTING TENSIONS ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. THERE IS, THEREFORE, AN EVEN MORE URGENT NEED AT PRESENT FOR BOTH PARTIES, NAMELY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA, TO TRY TO FIND ACCOMMODATION WITH EACH OTHER WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF LAST YEAR'S CONSENSUS, AND TO CONTINUE AND CARRY TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION THE ENDEAVOUR WHICH CAN ONLY BE TO THEIR OWN DIRECT BENEFIT AND IS CONDUCIVE TO THE LESSENING OF TENSION IN THAT IMPORTANT PART OF ASIA AND THE WORLD.

WITH REGARD TO THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND IN KOREA, WE MAINTAIN OUR CONVICTION THAT ANY DECISION CONCERNING ITS FUTURE SHOULD BE TAKEN BY THE APPROPRIATE UNITED NATIONS ORGAN, THAT IS, THE SECURITY COUNCIL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER.

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